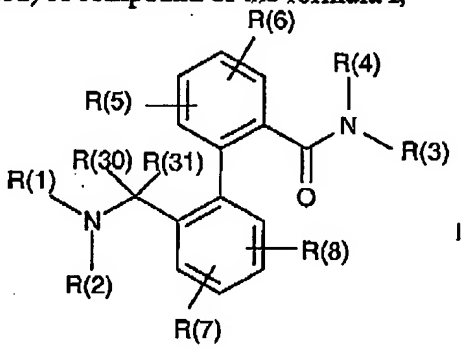
Amendments to the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all earlier versions of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula I,



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in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9), ~~SO_2R(10), COR(11),~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13) ~~or C(S)NR(12)R(13)~~;

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15) ~~or SO_2Me~~;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or ~~9, 10 or 11~~ carbon atoms, CF_3, ~~C_2F_5, C_3F_7, CH_2F, CHF_2,~~ OR(15), ~~SO_2Me,~~ or phenyl, ~~naphthyl, biphenylyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, naphthyl, biphenylyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, or 2 ~~or 3~~ substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, ~~I,~~ CF_3, OCF_3, ~~NO_2,~~ CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, ~~NH_2,~~ OH, alkyl having 1, 2, or 3 ~~or 4~~ carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, or 2, ~~3 or 4~~ carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1, or 2, ~~3, 4 or 5~~ carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, or 2 ~~or 3~~ substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, ~~I,~~ CF_3,

~~NO_2,~~ CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, ~~NH_2,~~ OH, alkyl having 1, 2, or 3 ~~or 4~~ carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1~~,~~ or 2~~, 3 or 4~~ carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and~~ R(12) is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen~~, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or CF_3~~;

R(2) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or CF_3;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where y cannot be 0 if R(16) is OR(17) or SO_2Me;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 carbon atoms, CF_3, C_2F_5, C_3F_7, CH_2F, CHF_2, OR(17), SO_2Me, phenyl, or naphthyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl, and naphthyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N containing heteroaromatic~~ are unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

or

R(3) is CHR(18)R(19);

R(18) is hydrogen or C_zH_{2z}-R(16), where R(16) is defined as indicated above;

z is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(19) is COOH, $CONH_2$, CONR(20)R(21), COOR(22), or CH_2OH;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF_3 or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl,

where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(21) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(22) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(4) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms or CF_3;

or

R(3) and R(4)

together are a chain of 4 or 5 methylene groups~~, of which one methylene group can be replaced by O , S , NH , N(methyl) or N(benzyl)~~ ;

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups;~~

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which

R(1) is C(O)OR(9)~~, SO_2R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, ~~C_2F_5,~~ OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1~~,~~ or 2 ~~or 3~~ substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, ~~NO_2,~~ CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, ~~NH_2,~~ OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2~~,~~ or 3 ~~or 4~~ carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1~~,~~ or 2~~, 3, 4 or 5~~ carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 or phenyl,

which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1~~,~~ or 2 ~~or 3~~ substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, ~~NO_2,~~ CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2~~,~~ or 3 ~~or 4~~ carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and~~ R(12) is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen~~, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or CF_3~~;

R(2) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or CF_3;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where y cannot be 0 if R(16) is OR(17);

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, C_2F_5, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms~~,

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,

alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

or

R(3) is CHR(18)R(19);

R(18) is hydrogen or C_zH_{2z}-R(16), where R(16) is defined as indicated in claim 1 above;

z is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(19) is $CONH_2$, CONR(20)R(21), COOR(22), CH_2OH;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF_3 or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl,

where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(21) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(22) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(4) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms or CF_3; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms~~;~~

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 2, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9)~~, SO_2R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 or phenyl,

which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and~~ R(12) is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen;

R(2) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

R(3) is CHR(18)R(19);

R(18) is hydrogen or C_zH_{2z}-R(16);

z is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(19) is $CONH_2$, CONR(20)R(21), COOR(22) or CH_2OH;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF_3 or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl, where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(21) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(22) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(17), or phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms~~,

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl~~ or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(4) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl~~;~~

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 2, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9)~~, SO_2R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 or phenyl,

which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and~~ R(12) is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen;

R(2) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where y cannot be 0 if R(16) is OR(17);

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl~~ or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(4) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl~~;~~

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 4, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9), ~~SO_2R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3, OCF_3, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

~~R(10), R(11) and~~ R(12) is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen;

R(2) is hydrogen;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1 or 2;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3, OCF_3, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

R(4) is hydrogen; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms or alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl;

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 5, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9) ~~or COR(11)~~;

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms or phenyl,

where phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

~~R(11) is defined as R(9);~~

R(2) is hydrogen;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1 or 2;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl~~, or pyridyl~~

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

R(4) is hydrogen; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, CF_3, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms or alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(30) and R(31)

are hydrogen.

7. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising an effective amount of at least one compound as claimed in claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or additive.

8. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7, which further comprises one or more other pharmacologically active compounds.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for the ~~prophylaxis or~~ therapy of a K^+ channel-mediated illness, which comprises administering to a host in need of the prophylaxis or therapy an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy ~~or prophylaxis~~ of a cardiac arrythmia which can be eliminated by action potential prolongation, which comprises administering to a host in need of the therapy or prophylaxis an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy ~~or prophylaxis~~ of a re-entry arrythmia, which comprises administering to a host in need of the therapy or prophylaxis an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy ~~or prophylaxis~~ of a supraventricular arrythmia, which comprises administering to a host in need of the therapy or prophylaxis an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapy ~~or prophylaxis~~ of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter, which comprises administering to a host in need of the therapy or prophylaxis an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

14. (Original) A method for terminating existing atrial fibrillation or flutter to restore sinus rhythm, which comprises administering to a host in need of the termination an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

15. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7, which further comprises an effective amount of an IKr channel blocker.

16. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7, which further comprises an effective amount of an IKs channel blocker.

17. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7, which further comprises an effective amount of a beta-blocker.

18. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9)~~, SO_2R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,
where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 or phenyl,
which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and~~ R(12) is defined as R(9);
~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen;

R(2) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

R(3) is CHR(18)R(19);

R(18) is hydrogen or C_zH_{2z}-R(16);

z is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(19) is $CONH_2$, CONR(20)R(21), COOR(22) or CH_2OH;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF_3 or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl, where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(21) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(22) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl is ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(4) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl~~;~~

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups~~.

19. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which:

R(1) is C(O)OR(9), ~~SO_2R(10), COR(11)~~ or C(O)NR(12)R(13);

R(9) is C_xH_{2x}-R(14);

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where x cannot be 0 if R(14) is OR(15);

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(15) is alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3 or phenyl,

which is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

~~R(10), R(11) and~~ R(12) is defined as R(9);

~~independently of one another are defined as R(9);~~

R(13) is hydrogen;

R(2) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms;

R(3) is C_yH_{2y}-R(16);

y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

where y cannot be 0 if R(16) is OR(17);

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$,

COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, OCF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(4) is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

R(5), R(6), R(7) and R(8)

independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl or methylsulfonylamino; and

R(30) and R(31)

independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl;

~~or~~

~~R(30) and R(31)~~

~~together form a chain of 2 methylene groups~~.

20. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or ~~9, 10 or 11~~ carbon atoms, CF_3, ~~C_2F_5, C_3F_7, CH_2F, CHF_2,~~ OR(15), ~~SO_2Me,~~ or phenyl, ~~naphthyl, biphenylyl, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, naphthyl, biphenylyl, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1~~,~~ or 2 ~~or 3~~ substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, ~~I,~~ CF_3, ~~NO_2,~~ CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, ~~NH_2,~~ OH, alkyl having 1, 2, or 3 ~~or 4~~ carbon atoms, alkoxy

having 1~~,~~ or 2~~, 3 or 4~~ carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 carbon atoms, CF_3, C_2F_5, C_3F_7, CH_2F, CHF_2, OR(17), SO_2Me, or phenyl, ~~naphthyl, furyl, thienyl or an N containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, naphthyl, furyl, thienyl and the N containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2, 3 or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; and

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF_3 or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl,

where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino~~;~~, wherein

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

21. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 2, in which R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, ~~C_2F_5~~, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N containing heteroaromatic~~

~~having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, ~~NO_2,~~ CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, ~~NH_2,~~ OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, or 3 ~~or 4~~ carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, ~~C_2F_5,~~ OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; and

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF_3 or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl,

where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino~~;~~, wherein

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

22. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 3, in which:

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(15), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(20) is hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, C_vH_{2v}-CF_3 or C_wH_{2w}-phenyl, where the phenyl ~~ring~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; and

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1,

2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino.

23. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 4, in which:

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(15), or phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino;

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, OR(17), or phenyl, ~~furyl, thienyl or an N-containing heteroaromatic having 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms,~~

where phenyl~~, furyl, thienyl and the N-containing heteroaromatic are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, NH_2, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino; and

R(17) is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~or 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, CF_3, NO_2, CN, COOMe, $CONH_2$, COMe, OH, alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms, dimethylamino, sulfamoyl, methylsulfonyl and methylsulfonylamino.

24. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 5, in which:

R(30) and R(31) are both hydrogen;

R(14) is ~~alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms,~~ cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl ~~or pyridyl~~,

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3, OH, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms.

25. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 6, in which:

R(14) is cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms or phenyl,

where phenyl is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and

R(16) is alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, CF_3, or phenyl, ~~or pyridyl~~

where phenyl ~~and pyridyl are~~ is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, CF_3, alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms.

26. (Original) A method for preventing the re-occurrence of arrhythmias, which comprises administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.